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APPLICATION NO. to be assigned	§ ATTY DOCKET NO. 80337.00010
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TITLE: PERSONALLY PORTABLE	§ GROUP ART UNIT: 3761
VACUUM DESICCATOR	§
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FILING DATE: November 17, 2003	§
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to action on the enclosed application, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/996,970, filed November 20, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 4 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including replacement formal drawings is attached following page 5 of this paper.